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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AMERICAN SECONDARY SCHOOL  
IN LESOTHO

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1. ONE OF PRINCIPLE PROBLEMS AFFECTING AMERICANS SERVING IN LESOTHO IS LACK OF ADEQUATE SCHOOLS. POST IS CONSIDERING WAYS OF IMPROVING SITUATION AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVICE A/OS MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER.

2. PRESENTLY THERE IS ONE ENGLISH MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL IN LESOTHO (MASERU). IT IS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE BUT SUFFERS FROM STAFFING PROBLEMS AND BY AMERICAN STANDARDS IS OLD FASHIONED. THERE ARE NOW FIVE DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF MISSION PERSONNEL ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL. IT IS A PUBLIC, TAX-SUPPORTED SCHOOL UNDER SUPERVISION MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. ENROLLMENT IS DIVIDED ABOUT EVENLY BETWEEN LESOTHO AND FOREIGN STUDENTS, INCLUDING SEVERAL NON-GOVERNMENT AMERICANS.

3. THERE IS NO ADEQUATE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN LESOTHO. AS OF JANUARY 1976 THERE WILL BE THREE SECONDARY STUDENTS AT POST WHO ARE DEPENDENTS

OF U.S. GOVT PERSONNEL. THERE MAY BE AS MANY AS EIGHT OTHER AMERICAN SECONDARY STUDENTS IN COUNTRY AT THAT TIME, INCLUDING DEPENDENTS OF AID CONTRACT PERSONNEL AND PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS. THIS FIGURE IS ESTIMATE ONLY. IN ADDITION, THERE MAY BE SMALL NUMBER CANADIAN SECONDARY

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STUDENTS WHO WOULD ATTEND ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL IF ONE WERE

AVAILABLE.

4. POST REALIZES SMALL NUMBER SECONDARY STUDENTS MAY MAKE IT IMPRACTICAL

TRY TO ORGANIZE AMERICAN SCHOOL. NEVERTHELESS WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE  
WITH A/OS POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP SOME TYPE OF SCHOOL, PERHAPS  
CORRESPONDENCE/TUTORIAL ARRANGEMENT.

5. POST IS FORTUNATE IN BEING ABLE TO DRAW ON EXPERTISE OF HIGHLY  
QUALIFIED EDUCATIONALIST, DR. DWIGHT ALLEN, FORMER DEAN, SCHOOL OF  
EDUCATION, U. OF MASS., NOW IN MASERU UNDER UNESCO CONTRACT AS SENIOR  
TECHNICAL ADVISER TO LESOTHO TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE. ALLEN  
ESPECIALLY CONCERNED OUR PROBLEM AS HE ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY CHILDREN  
OF SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE.

6. ALLEN PLANS BE IN WASHINGTON LATE SEPTEMBER. WE HAVE INVITED HIM  
CALL ON A/OS (MANNINO) TO DISCUSS OUR PROBLEMS AND EXPLORE POSSIBLE  
SOLUTIONS. WOULD APPRECIATE A/OS'S RECEIVING ALLEN AND ADVISING  
WHETHER THERE ANY PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY DEPARTMENT MIGHT BE OF  
ASSISTANCE.  
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